Impact of Red Line Buses

2586. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have assessed the situation arising due to plying 3000 Red-line buses on Delhi roads which have and would create traffic chaos/problems; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) . (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government do not believe that the plying of Red Line buses on Delhi roads would create any traffic problems. It is hoped that with the introduction of these additional buses, the number of personalised vehicles on the road would decline and thereby improve traffic conditions on Delhi roads.

Abolition of contract system for Coal Handling at Madras Port

2587. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Ministe rof SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the demand of the Trade Unions at Madras Port for abolition of the contract system for coal handling;

(b) whether it is a fact that Madras Port Workers' Union have brought the malpractices in the contract system of coal handling to the notice of the management

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that a host of benami stevedores were operating to Madras Port;

(e) whether the cost of carrying coal from Haldia to Madras is more than the cost of carrying coal from Haldia to Tuticorin in the despite less distance; and

(f) if so, what steps are being taken to prevent such malpractices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) . (a) to (c) Yes Sir. However the contract has been awarded by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and not by the Port Trust. Madras Port Trust is aware about certain news item appearing in the press but no report has been received from the Madras Port Workers' Union by the Management.

(d) As per the records of stevedores available with the Port Trust, no benami stevedores were/are operating at Madras Port.

(e) and (f) Such records are not avilable with Madras Port Trust as this is done by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, which is under the State Government.

Withdrawal of Proposal to sell Land in Bombay

2588. SHRI VIREN J SHAH : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Economic Times of the 16th September, 1992 about the National Textile Corporation having withdrawn the proposed sale of land of certain textile mills in Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that NTC failed to produce before the High Court of Bombay any modernisation scheme;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) the reasons for NTC's withdrawal of the proposal from the High Court;

(f) whether the High Court has issued a Notice to NTC to appear and explain their position in the court; and

(g) if, how the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) NTC had proposed to sell 9 properties of nationalised mills located in various places all over the country.

(c) and (d) NTC explained its detailed propsals for modernisation to the High Court.

(e) to (g) NTC withdrew the offer for sale of their land/properties and refunded the earnest money deposited in this regard, in view of the decision to keep all proposals for the disposal of surplus lands/properties of NTC in abeyance till the package for its restructuring was finalised.

दस्तकारों के माल के निपटान के लिए आशियत सरकारी सहायता/अनुदान का दुर्विनियोग :

2589. श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार को चालू वर्ष के दौरान कतिपय संसद सदस्यों के माध्यम से मैसर्स बुड आर्ट इंडस्ट्रियल प्रोडक्शन कोआपरेटिव सोसाइटी लिमिटेड, सहारनपुर और बुड कविंग मजदूर यूनियन, सहारनपुर से इस आशय की शिकायतें मिली हैं कि विकास आयुक्त (हस्तशिल्प) नई दिल्ली का कार्यालय सहारनपुर के दस्तकारों द्वारा उत्पादित माल को विपणन सुविधाएं प्रदान करने के नाम पर एक फर्जी सोसाइटी को नुमाइश लगाने हेतु सहायता प्रदान करता है और यह कि उपर्युक्त फर्जी सोसाइटी तथा उक्त कार्यालय साठ-गांठ करके सहायता/अनुदान राशि के करोड़ों रुपयों को प्रति वर्ष डकार जाते हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और क्या सरकार ने सरकारी सहायता/अनुदान का दुर्विनियोग रोकने के लिए कोई कार्यवाही की है; यदि हां तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं, और

(ग) मैसर्स बुड आर्ट इंडस्ट्रियल प्रोडक्शन को-आपरेटिव सोसाइटी, सहारनपुर द्वारा नुमाइश लगाने की शर्तों को पूरा किए जाने के बावजूद उसे इसकी अनुमति न दिये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अशोक गहलोत) :

(क) जी हां।

(ख) शिकायत में आरोप थे कि शिल्प विकास समिति, सहारनपुर एक जाली समिति है तथा मांग की गई थी कि विकास आयुक्त (हस्त शिल्प) द्वारा प्रदर्शनियां आयोजित करने के लिए इसे दी गई वित्तीय सहायता की जांच करवाई जाए । उच्च स्तर पर जांच करवाई गई एवं विकास आयुक्त (हस्तशिल्प) को प्राप्त रिपोर्ट में शिकायतें सही नहीं पाई गईं ।

(ग) विकास आयुक्त (हस्तशिल्प) कार्यालय को इस वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान पहली बार मैसर्स वुड आर्ट इंडस्ट्रियल प्रोडक्शन कोआपरेटिव सोसाइटी, सहारनपुर से प्रदर्शनियो के लिए अनुदान हेतु प्रस्ताव प्राप्ति हुआ था तथा योजना के मानदंडों के अनुसार एक प्रदर्शनी के लिए अनुदान स्वीकृत किया गया था ।

Closure of Azamzahi Textile Mills

2590. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to close down Azamzahi Textile Mills in Audhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b) Azamzahi Mills, Warangal has been identified to be non-viable due to inter-alia, recurrent losses, low productivtiy, high man machine ratio etc. The question of closure or retention of individual mills of NTC will be depend on the impact on viability of labour rationalisation now being done through Voluntary Retirement Scheme and other relevant factors.